Faculty In Focus – Mathematics

Maths can be fun too!!!

In Mathematics, our junior students get the opportunity once a fortnight to play Cool Maths Games during a Maths lesson.

This is not simply a lesson designed to allow students to play computer games. Cool Maths is a brain-training site for everyone, where logic, Mathematics and thinking meets fun and games. In a world full of violent TV, movies and computer games, Cool Maths has no violence, and no empty action. It simply consists of a lot of challenges that will make you forget you are getting a mental workout!!!

Some of the fun games include:

- Bloxorg
- Construction Fall
- Papa Freezeria
- Parking Mania
- Biogro

We have been using Cool Maths Games at CHS for 6 years now, and believe it has made Maths more enjoyable for hundreds of students.

I’m happy to report that we’ve convinced many students that: cool + maths = fun!!!

Now that’s an equation that makes sense :)

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Principal’s News

What a wonderful privilege it was to attend the launch of the Lachlan Valley Learning Community last Wednesday evening in Cowra and to celebrate the shared partnerships we have developed across our public schools. The highlight of the launch however would have to be the showcase of talent on display during the LVLC Spectacular held on both Wednesday and Thursday evening. All schools within the learning community were represented and the quality of the performances was second to none. Our students shone in their participation in the group choir, school dance troupe and as comperes and I would like to acknowledge their amazing effort and representation of our school and to thank the staff that supported them.

At the end of last year, in planning for the year ahead, the school made a significant commitment to participate in the HOW2Learn program, a strategy focused on building students’ capacity to learn. It draws upon a respected body of research, identifies the higher order ways that enable students to be successful lifelong learners and complements our schools focus on changing the learning culture to enable everyone to be “self-motivated, tolerant and confident learners”. The school executive have successfully completed two of three trainer workshops and are working back at school with staff to achieve the deliverables of these modules. I would like to acknowledge the work and commitment of our executive in undertaking this challenge.

In addition to these two nights of “spectacular” entertainment the schools are holding an art display in the Cowra Library to highlight the artistic talents of our students over the next three weeks and I encourage everyone, if in Cowra, to visit and view our students creative endeavours.

Congratulations to Mackenzie Devlin on being the winner of last week’s canteen voucher.

Neryle Smurthwaite
Principal

Christmas in July

Last Thursday, four Hospitality students assisted with the catering at Taste Canowindra for a Christmas in July function. The students including Brandon Bourke, Louis Grant, Brodie Woods and Dylan Crump served forty Senior Citizens from Canberra a two course Christmas lunch. Thanks to Bob and Marg at Taste Canowindra for providing this opportunity to our students. A member of the function commented that it was the best food that they have had this year and the service was great as you did not even know the wait staff were there.
This term the Year 9 Agriculture class will be participating in the Cows Create Careers Program. This program involves the students learning all about the dairy industry in Australia. Last week the students had a visit from Mr Trevor King, who works for Lion Foods, the company that owns Dairy Farmers. Mr King spoke to the students about his role within the company, as well as discussing other career paths available in the Dairy industry. Mr King also gave us some facts and figures about the amount of milk produced across the country, products that are exported overseas and explained the difference between many of the products made by Dairy Farmers.

Thanks to local dairy farmer Linda Kinsela from Glenrowan Dairy, the students will have two calves to feed and look after here at school for several weeks as part of the program. Also as part of the program students have to produce a 3D model or a movie based on a topic relating to the dairy industry. These projects will be judged against others from across the state, with the students having the chance to meet for an awards day with other schools from across the district.

AIM HIGHER PERFORMANCE

Last Thursday, the Year 7 students were visited by a team from Gibber, who works in partnership with The University of Western Sydney. The team’s aim is to inspire young people to broaden their horizons and consider Higher Education as a realistic option open to everyone.

The performance “Aim Higher” was a dynamic interactive performance that used humour, music, multi-media and popular culture to engage, inspire and inform the students about the many different progression routes into tertiary education. The focus was on dispelling negative attitudes and preconceptions of further learning and to raise awareness of the accessibility for all into university.

The students were captivated by the performance, and hopefully were inspired to consider University as part of their future goals.
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| **Week 5A** Term 3 | |
| Monday | 10 AUG HSC Trials |
| Tuesday | 11 AUG HSC Trials Yr 8 Scripture P4 |
| Wednesday | 12 AUG HSC Trials |
| Thursday | 13 AUG HSC Trials |
| Friday | 14 AUG HSC Trials |

## Assessments Due

**Week 4B** Term 3
- Yr 11– Business Studies (3)
- Yr 10– English (3)
- Yr 9– English (3)

**Week 5A** Term 3
- Yr 11– Ancient History (3), Bio (4), Eng Adv, Stand, Studies (4), IT-Metal (3)
- Yr 10– History S2 (1)

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**WRAS 2016 Cycling Squad Nominations**

Nominations are now open for the WRAS 2016 cycling squad. The program will run from October 2015 to July 2016.

Who is eligible to nominate:

Nominations close:
- **Monday 10 August 2015**
- Late nominations cannot be accepted.

**The WRAS 2016 Cycling squad nomination form is available at www.wras.org.au under ‘Downloads’**

Nominations will be acknowledged by email.

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**Canowindra Little Athletics Centre**

- **Age Groups**: Tiny Tots – Under 17s
- **Registration Days**: 4pm-5:30pm @ The Oval, Canowindra
- **Tuesday 4th & Thursday 6th August 2015**
- **Cost**: $70 per athlete (family discounts are available)
- **Season Starts**: 4pm, Thursday 20th August 2015 & runs every Thursday until x-mas
- **Contact**: Andrew Phelan 0414 594 239
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*All new athletes must bring proof of age to the registration days e.g birth certificate

#Tiny Tots must turn 3 before October 1, 2015 to participate.

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**Jeans for Genes Day**

This coming Friday is Jeans for Genes Day. The SRC are asking for a gold coin donation in return for students wearing their jeans to school. Students are expected to wear full school uniform with their jeans and [correct footwear](#).